

# **REPORT OF THE PACIFIC REGION CHAPLAIN**



**REPORTING PERIOD 2011-2012**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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It has been my privilege to have served as the Pacific Region Chaplain since October 1, 2008. The following serve with me:

Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs – Deputy Region Chaplain  
Ch, Lt Col Bob Ledden – Professional Development Officer  
Ch, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast – Webmaster  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Adelle McKinney – Public Affairs Officer  
Lt Col Pat Okawa – Admin Officer

Wing Chaplains assignments within the Pacific Region are as follows:

Alaska Wing – Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett  
California Wing – Ch, Maj Richard Nelson  
Hawaii Wing – Ch, Maj James Merritt  
Nevada Wing – Ch, Maj Ralph Camp  
Oregon Wing – Ch, Lt Col Randy Potter  
Washington Wing – Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs

**1. GENERAL DATA:** From the Form 34As (Wing Chaplain Statistical Report) submitted by the Wing Chaplains, the following information about the PCR Chaplain Corps was gathered (1/1/10-6/30/10):

Number of reports submitted by the PCR Chaplain Corps personnel: 90  
Non-reporting: 1

According to the MML dated May 2012, there are currently 47 Chaplains and 35 Character Development Instructors serving in the PCR. From the first “go-live” on-line reporting period of January 2012 through June 2012 the PCR Chaplains and CDIs participated in 3,041 activities; spent 11,702 hours; traveled 89,205 miles; invested \$36,031.38.

In regards to the training Levels completed by members of the PCR Chaplain Corps (based on the May 2012 STR):

LEVEL OF TRAINING	CHAPLAINS	CDIs
<b>I – Orientation</b>	29	9
<b>II – Benjamin O. Davis</b>	4	1
<b>III – Grover Loening</b>	4	11
<b>IV – Paul E. Garber</b>	10	8
<b>V – Gill Robb Wilson</b>	10	6

Two of the items that were available on the paper F34A was the capability of determining squadron types/coverage and levels of training. That would be a nice feature to have available again.

**2. REGION CHAPLAIN CORPS STAFF COLLEGE:** The Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College was conducted at Joint Base Lewis-McChord – Tacoma, WA from Monday, 16 April to Thursday, 19 April 2012. The staff college was hosted in the McChord Chapel Support Center.

The PCR CCSC was comprised of a student body of 24 CAP Officers (7 handled other assigned duties – due to the nature of a CCRSC being considered in-service training..the Director and Dean are included in that number). Students from four of the six wings attended (due to distance, Hawaii was not represented). Three wing chaplains attended. This year the majority of students drove to the school. Students traveled from as far as Alaska with the largest number coming from California. There were 16 Chaplains and 8 Character Development Instructors in attendance (including staff). A senior member came for 2 days of the CCRSC to receive his appointment/promotion but did not receive credit for the CCRSC (not listed on the Form 11 since he didn't complete the full 20 hours required). Total attendance was 26 (this includes Ch, Col J. Delano Ellis and Col Virginia Nelson).

**PCR CCSC Theme:** Beginning with the 1999 PCR CCSC, a yearly theme has been selected to inspire both students and staff. The theme is used to further enhance the professional development process by extending the lessons learned during PCR CCSC to their respective roles and responsibilities. The PCR CCSC Director, in consultation with the Dean, selected the 2012 PCR CCSC theme: “Called-Leadership-Ecumenical-Ministry”.

**PCR CCSC Focus:** Chaplains and CDIs are people who possess a strong desire to serve others. It is part of their corporate and spiritual DNA. In the process of providing care to others, the caregiver themselves can suffer physical, emotional and spiritual trauma. Dr. Dan Casey was the featured instructor and provided the participants tools to recognize the symptoms of Compassion Fatigue and were able to test themselves and others whenever necessary to ascertain their own Compassion Fatigue levels. They also learned how to create, maintain, and facilitate a self care plan for themselves and others. Each student received a Certificate from Green Cross attesting their attendance of the Compassion Fatigue Educator course, which entitles them to be able to present this course.

Our 2012 college featured a strong emphasis on opportunities and tools for effective ministry in the three-fold mission of Civil Air Patrol. Students visited the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Museum. A hands-on AE presentation by Col Virginia Nelson, Pacific Region Aerospace Education Director, was also conducted.

The daily meditations were led by Chaplain, Lt Col Danny Riggs, along with the newly minted mascot – Chaplain CLEM – based on the college's theme.

An article regarding the PCR CCRSC was published on the National Headquarters “Volunteer Now” site:  
[http://www.capvolunteernow.com/news/?pacific\\_region\\_chaplains\\_character\\_development\\_instr](http://www.capvolunteernow.com/news/?pacific_region_chaplains_character_development_instr)

[uctors\\_complete\\_course&show=news&newsID=13028](#) The following is a pictorial journal for the school:

<http://secure.smilebox.com/ecom/openTheBox?sendevent=4d7a457a4e446b354d7a64384d6a49784f5459344e44413d0d0a&sb=1>



### **Plans for the 2013 PCR CCSC:**

The dates for the 2013 PCR CCSC are yet to be determined. The location will be at the March ARB – Moreno Valley, CA.

Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs – Dean of PCR CCSC, is working on the curriculum for the training event. We have already confirmed that Chaplain, Capt Michael Morison will be leading 2 three-hour sessions on: “Psychological First-Aid” and “Spiritual First-Aid”.

**3. MENTORING:** Several approaches to mentoring and developing junior chaplains for eventual assignment as Wing chaplains and the development of wing chaplains for assignment as region chaplains have been utilized. Among them are:

--- Publicizing the mentoring program developed by the former National Chief of CAP Chaplain Corps – Ch, Col Charles Sharp.

--- Encouraging the current Wing Chaplains to look for potential replacements and mentor them by bringing them on staff is an approach is one of the most common in the PCR Chaplain Corps and has been successful in the CAWG, NVWG, ORWG and WAWG. It is the practice of the majority of Wing Chaplains (and the Region Chaplain) to keep the deputy chaplain in the loop via phone calls and the inclusion in e-mail

exchanges. Though this approach is informal, it has proved effective. Of course, the practice of providing either a continuity book or a transmittal file should always be a part of mentoring one's successor.

--- "*So You Are the New Wing Chaplain*," a handbook written by Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward is available on the PCR Chaplain Corps web-site. It is also sent to new Wing Chaplains upon their appointment.

#### **4. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

##### **Activities:**



Chaplain, Lt Col Blair Rorabaugh was appointed as the AKWG. Ch, Lt Col Franklin Blodgett (former AKWG HC) will serve as Deputy Wing Chaplain.

The USAF conducted a graded SAREX was completed in May 2012. The Alaska Wing got an excellent grade and the chaplaincy got an outstanding and "benchmark". Ch, Lt Col Franklin Blodgett served as the Mission Chaplain.

The "benchmark" was for Chaplain Blodgett's method of keeping the IC and CISM grader and the chaplain grader up to date on what events may become a CISM event or a chaplain event.

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Chaplain, Maj Richard Nelson was appointed as the CAWG Chaplain. Chaplain, Lt George Dawson (former CAWG HC) will serve as the Deputy Wing Chaplain.



Chaplain, Capt Michael Morison conducted a 24 hour overnight retreat at the Redwood Empire Composite Squadron 157 HQ, Santa Rosa, CA. Members of squadrons 157 and 23 attended "The Highest Flight Academy - Spiritual Flight Training." Chaplain Morison holds a CAP master's rating in aerospace education and was the first education supervisor at the U.S. Space Camp & Academy in Huntsville, AL. As a high school religion teacher, Morison met Jim Irwin, lunar module pilot of Apollo 15. Irwin's greatest experience of God's presence in his life came during his walk on the moon. After his flight, Colonel Irwin founded the High Flight Foundation ministry to share "the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ in a space way." He said, "...I wish to share the greatest of all discoveries with you: a new life in Christ! You can be more than an earthling!" With Irwin's encouragement and using his materials, Morison developed a retreat program for youth. Irwin suggested that Morison intellectually knew the material and that he might obtain more experiential knowledge of spaceflight. Morison's experience at Space Camp afforded him many opportunities to do that. Over the next thirty years Morison continued to research the faith experiences and activities of the

astronauts. All this was the basis for developing “The Highest Flight Academy” for our Civil Air patrol cadets and seniors. Morison would like to provide every CAP chaplain with an orientation on how they, too, can leverage the excitement of space exploration with the exploration of faith. “The Highest Flight Academy - Spiritual Flight Training” has three levels - basic, intermediate, and advanced. The basic level of The Highest Flight Academy uses the excitement of the Apollo lunar exploration program to challenge the participants to see that a number astronauts were men of faith and brought this faith with them in their missions. The retreat promotion challenged cadets with the reality of Jim Irwin's statement that "decisions determine destination." During the retreat, participants were introduced to Irwin's insight that each of us is navigating our "flight through life."

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Hawaii Wing conducted their United States Air Force graded SARX in April 2012. Chaplain, Maj Jim Merritt served as the Mission Chaplain and received an outstanding rating for Mission Chaplain.

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Following the tragic air crash during the National Championship Air Races and Air Show at the Reno Stead Field, the NVWG Chaplain Corps was pressed into service. Chaplain, Maj Ralph Camp was on site within the hour and work with CAP members and Emergency crews throughout the evening. The next morning Chaplain, Lt Col Tom Miller and Major Carolyn Erby (CDI) served as members of the team in providing a CISM debriefing session to our personnel who were on site of the accident.



Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller served as chaplain for the Pacific Region Staff College. This was his 20<sup>th</sup> year to serve in this capacity.

Many people have overcome diversity, challenges, obstacles, and many other factors in life to accomplish a goal. Cadets are often pushed beyond what they think they are capable of, and are expected to promote CAP's Drug Demand Reduction Program. On Saturday, September 3, 2011, the NVWG had 48 Civil Air Patrol cadets and 35 Senior Members and Distinguished Guests in attendance at CAP's 1st annual National Character Day. This event was conducted at the Airman Leadership School on Nellis Air Force Base. Chaplain, Maj Deb Prosser served as the Activity Director. A report created by Cadet Nicole Crisp can be found at:

[http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/2011\\_NCD\\_NVWg\\_923F118518A63.pdf](http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/2011_NCD_NVWg_923F118518A63.pdf)

Ch, Maj Deb Prosser served as the senior member advisor and escort for the NVWG Cadet Drill Team. It was the first drill team assembled in many years. The NVWG Cadet Drill Team represented the PCR at the National Cadet Competition in June and was awarded the Team Spirit Award in recognition of their teamwork and their sportsmanship with the other groups representing their regions at NCC.



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Chaplain, Lt Col Bob Ledden was appointed as the Oregon Wing Deputy Chaplain. Chaplain Ledden had previously served as the ORWG Chaplain in the late '90's and until 2004. He was serving as Chaplain Emeritus and serves as the PCR Chaplain Corps Professional Development Officer.

The ORWG Chaplain Corps received an outstanding rating in the USAF evaluated SARX conducted in August. Chaplain, Lt Col Charlie Sattgast served as the Mission Chaplain along with Chaplain, Lt Col Bob Ledden and Chaplain, Capt Denise Mosher.

In June, the ORWG Chaplain Corps conducted a webinar to have on-line interaction regarding Chaplain Corps matters.

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In March of 2012, over 100 members of the Washington Wing attended a breakfast hosted by Sen Jim Honeyford (WA 15<sup>th</sup> District and member/Lt Col, CC of the WAWG Legislative Squadron) and were in the gallery to observe a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives (HR 4662) recognizing the Washington Wing for their outstanding service to the citizens of Washington. One of the co-sponsors of the resolution was Representative Joe Schmick (WA 9<sup>th</sup> District and member/Maj in the WAWG Legislative Squadron). Chaplain, Maj Dave Franklin (Yakima Composite Squadron/WAWG HCD) offered the invocation for the opening session of the House of Representatives.



Maj Debroah Kawaguchi was selected as a senior member escort for 6 cadets to the UK. CAP is the sponsoring agency and will be sending 17 senior members, 60 cadets to 15 countries this summer. Twelve wings will be hosting IACE participants.

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Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward was on staff for the CAWG Cadet Programs Conference in February and the CAWG Encampment in June.

Chaplain Corps personnel from the CAWG, NVWG, ORWG and WAWG participated in the "Wreaths Across America" project.

## **Awards:**

### **CAWG:**

Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Maj Richard Nelson  
Character Development Instructor of the Year – Capt Robert Harris  
Bruce Joyner Ministry of Excellence Award for CDI – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cristie Akin  
Sammy Campos Ministry of Excellence Award for Chaplain – Ch, Capt Mike Morison

**WAWG:**

Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Lt Col William Adam II  
Character Development Instructor of the Year – Maj Gerald Prior

Chaplain, Lt Col Donald Starr received the Exceptional Service Award for his outstanding service to the Washington Wing throughout the years as a Squadron Chaplain, Deputy Wing Chaplain, Wing Chaplain and to the Pacific Region as the Region and Deputy Region Chaplain. Chaplain Starr officially retired following the Wing Conference. He was also recognized at the Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College for his faithful service and contributions to the PCR Chaplain Corps. Chaplain Starr mentored so many chaplains and served as a model of ministry for all the members of the WAWG/PCR Chaplain Corps.

**PCR:**

Character Development Instructor of the Year – Major Gerald Prior, WAWG  
Squadron Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Maj Richard Nelson, CAWG  
Senior Chaplain of the Year – Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs, PCR/WAWG

**5. MILITARY SUPPORT:**

AKWG – no report

CAWG – Ch, Lt Col George Dawson provides services at Travis AFB.

Ch, Capt William Hampton is a retired Navy chaplain.

Ch, Maj Harlan Confer is a retired Army chaplain.

There are possibly 3-4 other chaplains who meet the educational requirements of the DOD/USAF Chaplain Corps. 18 Chaplains came in on waivers.

HIWG – no report.

NVWG – All of the NVWG Chaplains were waived. However, Ch, Maj Ralph Camp has extensive experience in ministry to the military (missionary outreach center to military personnel), and hopes to have more opportunities to serve the military in the future. Ch, Lt Col Tom Miller has on occasion assisted the chaplain personnel at Nellis AFB.

ORWG – Five chaplains were not waived, possibly a seventh. Two chaplains were waived. Chaplain, Lt Col Randy Potter serves the Oregon Army National Guard 82<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry.

WAWG – The AMC/HC at McChord Field has not acknowledged the Chaplains of the Civil Air Patrol and there have been no request for support from either of the bases in the State. Ch, Lt Col Danny Riggs and Ch, Capt Steven Hetrick both served as USAF Chaplains.



**6. COMMUNICATION:** Members of the PCR Chaplain Corps are “kept in the loop” through three primary sources:

- a) E-mails sent by the Region Chaplain to the Wing Chaplains which are then forwarded;
- b) Quarterly newsletter – The “Western Watch” is distributed by e-mail and is also available on the PCR Chaplain Corps web-site: [//hc.pcr.cap.gov](http://hc.pcr.cap.gov)
- c) Facebook group – The use of this “social networking” medium in another way of keeping members of the PCR Chaplain Corps connected. The link to the FB group is: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=117493184939856>

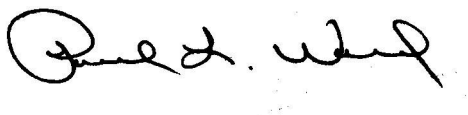
On a personal note ...

At the 2013 PCR Conference to be held the last week-end of May, there will be a change of command. It has been a honor to have served with Col Ernie Pearson and Col Larry Myrick as the PCR HC since September 2008. Though the CAPR 265-1 allows for a Wing or Region Chaplain to serve a maximum of six years, it is my personal conviction that the incoming PCR Commander be free to select the Region Chaplain of their choice so that the Chaplain and Commander can serve for the Commander’s full term. I will be stepping down at the PCR Conference.

It has been a privilege to serve on the CCAC with fellow Region Chaplains and with the CCEC. The passion for ministry, the leadership, the concern for the CAP Chaplain Corps personnel and the CAP membership demonstrated by each has been a source of inspiration. The friendships that have resulted due to serving on the CCAC have been enriching.

Know that you will continually to be in my prayers as together you “tend the flock”.

In Service Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "W".

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Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward, CAP  
PCR HC

## EXPLANATION OF THE PCR CHAPLAIN CORPS LOGO/PATCH

Heraldry is defined as "a system in which inherited symbols, or devices, called charges are displayed on a shield, or escutcheon, for the purpose of identifying individuals or families" (<http://www.4crests.com/herdef.html>).

Heraldry dates back to medieval times and was a source of identification in an age of illiteracy. There were 2 basic metals (gold and silver) on which crests were emblazoned. Nine basic colors ("tinctures") were used in the design for shields which knights carried into battle. Each color had significance. Modern day heraldry, likewise, is designed as a way of providing identification and even communicating mission.



The shape selected was the USAF/CAP Command Shield depicting our culture; belonging to the organization. The yellow (or) outline speaks of loyalty to our mission and the honor that is bestowed upon the appointment to the CAP Chaplain Corps.

The crest is that of the USAF/CAP Chaplain Corps. This speaks of our mission. The rays of yellow (or) depict our pursuit of excellence in what we do and the wisdom that is shared to those to whom we serve. The hands of silver (argent) represent charity and faith – that which we offer to those we serve. The field of blue (azure) speaks of devotion and strength. The black (sable) outline depicts dignity and determination, attributes in which we conduct our service. The banner in white (argent) represents integrity and purity. While based on the CAP motto, "Semper Vigilans", additional words were added to form the motto of the PCR Chaplain Corps: "Semper Vigilans ad Dei Gloriam" ("Always Vigilant for the Glory of God") which reminds us of the "what", the "how" and the "why" of our ministry. These words are in black (sable) as well as the banner's outline. Again signifying the determination and dignity in which we are called and committed to serve. The six stars of blue (azure) and white (argent) represent the six wings that comprise the Pacific Region. Again the colors speak of devotion and integrity. Notice that Wing abbreviations have been removed symbolizing our collective service as a team rather than individual Wings, emphasizing our service together. The crest, stars, and motto are in a field of red (gules) which depicts passion. It is a passion for service to God and to others that motivates us to perform our mission.

Finally, the scroll is a field of blue (azure) and letters of white (argent) that corresponds to the six stars displays our name: Pacific Region Chaplain Corps.

The logo speaks of our culture, our mission and our commitment to serve God in our service to others. That service is done in a spirit of loyalty to one another and in devotion to the One who called us to serve. We do so as people of integrity, in an attitude of vigilance, determined to pursue excellence so that we can provide quality service to others and in doing so, bring glory to God.